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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a \square continuation \boxtimes divisional \square continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/662,627 filed on September 15, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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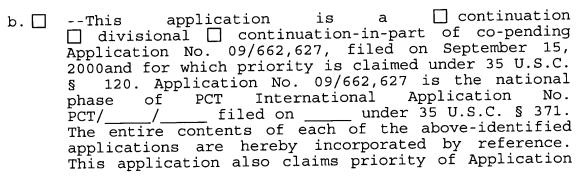
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- Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
- 2. \square The filing fee has been calculated as follows:



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TOTAL CLAIMS	15-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
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- 3. A check in the amount of \$834.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. A continuation is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/662,627, filed on September 15, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 11-264478; 11-267893; and 11-344595 filed in Japan on September 17, 1999; September 22, 1999; and December 3, 1999, respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--



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6.	\boxtimes	Enclosed is/are <u>twenty-eight</u> (28) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
7a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/662,627 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
7b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned to <u>Furuno Electric</u> Company, Limited
9.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
10a.		Priority of Application No(s). 11-264478; 11-267893; and 11-344295 filed in Japan on September 17, 1999; September 22, 1999; and December 3, 1999, respectively is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on December 27, 2000.
10b.		Priority of International Applnfiled onunder the Patent Cooperation Treaty andApplication Nofiled in onunder 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12.	\boxtimes	Address all future communications to:
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13.		An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/662,627 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14.		Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted

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